# Dragonfly Diary

**May Birthdays** Emmett: 5/12

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Even more children are finishing up their 0-10 multiplication fast facts on the speed tests! Congratulations to Ellie and Tanner for joining Jillian, Evelyn, Trenton L, Hunter, Alissa, Jason, Katie and Nathan. On XtraMath, Nathan, Sydnee, and Austin completed addition, while Tanner completed subtraction!! Way to go!

The students will be celebrating their writing by publishing their best piece in a bare book to share with other classes. Students will be official authors as we compile our memoirs into a book that we will publish through the online site, LuLu. This book will eventually be available for purchase by invitation only. Look for details in the coming weeks. Some of you also shared 12 Frence memoirs earlier this year that will be included as well. Thank you!

Once again, your support is invaluable!

## Reading

The theme we have been focused on this week is, "working together." Here is one way that when I work together with others, we all benefit:

#### Writing

The piece that I have chosen to publish in my bare book is:

**Spelling:** The focus this week is on words that are spelled with silent letters (high, half, two, often, know, write . . .). Science: We plan to wrap up our plant and animal adaptation unit with students selecting an animal to research and report on its unique adaptation to a specific habitat. Math: Ask your child to explain the difference between the **numerator** and denominator in a fraction. They are using fraction strips to discover equivalent fractions. I will post an electronic copy of these on the website.

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Tulip Time: Next week, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, will be half days for the local Tulip Time Festival. There are various parades and events downtown Holland in which Zeeland students will be participating. Volunteer Ice cream Social: We want to thank our class volunteers for all the work they've done this year: Sara Vereeke and Cyndi Ceithaml (class reps), Katie VanderWoude (Trenton K's mom), Chris \_ Feenstra and Sara Vereeke for weekly support in the classroom with various activities. Kari Double (Austin's mom) for her work at the recent book fair. Also, thanks to all of you who have volunteered at the parties and come in for the book fair. Volunteers are invited to an ice cream social on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. **Poem in your Pocket** Day: We celebrated this day on Thursday by reading a springtime poem and then keeping it in our pockets to share with others. I hope your child shared this plant-related poem with you at home. Book Orders: Feel free to continue to order books at Scholastic with our Online: Class Activation Code:

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"Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them." -Leo Tolstoy

### Monday, 4/30

Library

# Tuesday, 5/1

- Spanish / Music
- **Evaluations due**

# Wednesday, 5/2

PE

# Thursday, 5/3

- Art / Music
- Spelling Due

#### Friday, 5/4

- PE
- Retelling due
- **Spelling Test:** Unit 26